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Instructions for Calculating Manuscript Length

These instructions are intended to guide authors when there is a need to fit within strict page limits, as is true for certain conference proceedings. Length is calculated in terms of “words”. Figures, or parts of figures, can be printed across the full page width, or can be printed side-by-side across half the width. In the instructions it is assumed that the figure or part figures have a typical landscape format. Figure captions must be taken into account in addition to the equivalent word count for figures.

- Each printed page, if it has strictly text only with typical paragraph breaks, can accommodate 580 words.
- The title, and other special features on the first page, occupy the equivalent of 175 words.
- Each author or authors with given affiliation occupies the equivalent of 55 words.
- Each heading and sub-heading (not including the title, which is already accounted for, but including Abstract, Introduction, Acknowledgements, References, etc.) occupies the equivalent of 30 words.
- Each equation occupies the equivalent of 50 words.
- Each full-width figure (or part figure) occupies the equivalent of 235 words.
- Each half-width figure (or part figure), when printed side-by-side with another, occupies the equivalent of 160 words.
- Words in the abstract and text (excluding headings and references) count as full words.
- Words in figure captions (to be counted separately) count as 0.75 words.
- Each reference (in the list at the end) occupies the equivalent of 20 words.

The key variables are:

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| <i>A</i> | the number of distinct author affiliations |
| <i>B</i> | the number of headings and sub-headings |
| <i>C</i> | the number of equations |
| <i>D</i> | the number of full-width figures or part figures |
| <i>E</i> | the number of half-width figures or part figures |
| <i>F</i> | the number of words in the abstract and main text (excluding figure captions and references) |
| <i>G</i> | the total number of words in the figure captions |
| <i>H</i> | the number of references |
| <i>N</i> | the number of printed pages specified by the conference organiser |

Submitted manuscripts must then conform to the inequality:

$$55A + 30B + 50C + 235D + 160E + F + 0.75G + 20H < 580N - 175$$